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1. In September 1953 a Kuwŏl-san coast guard unit of the North Korean Army with 120 men was stationed in civilian houses at Wonmoru-dong (N 37-53, E 125-59) [REDACTED] Hyŏnam-ni. Each man was equipped with a Soviet rifle or a burp gun, and the unit had four light machine guns.
 2. During the day the men received military training or rested. Between 1930 and 0500 hours shifts of six men each guarded the coastal area between Wonmoru-dong and Saoji-dong,¹ Pusa-ri (N 37-54, E 126-02) [REDACTED]
 3. The unit communicated by telephone with the islands of Yongmae (N 37-46, E 125-54) [REDACTED] Yomsan,¹ Ch'ongnyong,¹ and Kudu-got.² Flashlight signals were visible at night.
 4. An adequate supply of polished rice, Kaoliang, and other grains was brought in twice a month from the Yŏnan (N 37-54, E 126-10) [REDACTED]
 5. In September 1953 an unidentified North Korean army coast guard unit with about 300 soldiers was stationed on Yongmae Island (N 37-46, E 125-54) [REDACTED]. The soldiers were stationed in the towns of Hanjŏng-dong, On-dong [REDACTED] E 125-54) [REDACTED] and Chin-dong (N 37-47, E 125-55) [REDACTED]. The headquarters was at Hanjŏng-dong. Most of the soldiers were billeted in civilian houses in the three towns, but some were using bunkers and trenches which they were repairing and which had been occupied by the United Nations forces before the armistice.
 6. The unit was equipped with Soviet rifles and burp guns, 2 heavy machine guns, 6 light machine guns, 4 x 65-mm. mortars, and 5 x 85-mm. direct firing guns. Two of the mortars and one heavy machine gun were on Masan Hill near Chin-dong. Two mortars were on a hill near On-dong. At night flashlight signals from the hills were visible.

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7. Two motor boats, each about 30 feet long, were at Choomunyongp'o.¹
8. In September 1953 there was a North Korean army coast guard unit of about 50 men on Panip'o (N 37-47, E 126-03) [REDACTED] in Hwanghae Province. The unit was armed with Soviet rifles and burp guns. The barracks consisted of two Chinese tents. Near the barracks was a rifle target practice tower. 25X1A
9. Contact was maintained with Chungsan-ni (N 37-49, E 126-02) [REDACTED] and Suraep'o.¹ The only means of communication was by courier, with the exception of signals by flashlight at night. 25X1A
10. The coast of Panip'o was guarded only at low tide during the day, but was guarded constantly throughout the night. At night, signals on Panip'o were made by flashlight. The unit had one sailboat approximately 34 feet long, which was kept between Panip'o and Suraep'o during the day. At night the boat was kept offshore about 500 meters south of Panip'o.

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Comments

1. These places are not listed in the Army Map Service gazetteer to maps of Korea.
2. This is possibly Ku-do (N 37-48, E 125-52) [REDACTED] 25X1A

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